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Applicant: Salituro *et al.* Art Unit: 1624  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner McKenzie:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this amendment and response to the Office Action, which Office Action was mailed on June 20, 2003. A response to the Office Action was due on September 20, 2003 and Applicants respectfully request a three (3) month extension of time from September 20, 2003 up to and including December 20, 2003. Since December 20, 2003 falls on a Saturday, Applicants respectfully submit that the filing of this response on Monday, December 22, 2003, the next business day after December 20, 2003, is timely with the three-month extension of time.